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FROM USDEL TO FAO CONFERENCE

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1. FAO SECRETARIAT INFORMED OF STATUS CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL. SECRETARIAT REMAINS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. CANNOT PROVIDE FIRM ASSURANCE FINAL PAYMENT ON 1973 ASSESSMENT WILL BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 1. CONCERN BASED ON PRESENT WORDING DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH SUSPENSE ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FOR UNFORESEEN FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS. FUNDS FOR SUSPENSE ACCOUNT WOULD BE DERIVED FROM (1) SURPLUS 1970-71 BIENNIUM (\$1.4 MILLION), (2) ANY SURPLUS 1972-73 BIENNIUM, AND (3) MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 1974-75 BIENNIUM. FAO EXPECTING SURPLUS FROM CURRENT BIENNIUM TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT FOR ACCOUNT, BUT THIS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON RECEIVING U.S. PAYMENT IN THIS CALENDAR YEAR. UNLESS U.S. CAN PROVIDE ASSURANCE PAYMENT WILL BE RECEIVED IN 1973, SECRETARIAT INFORMED USDEL IT INTENDS TO PROPOSE AMENDMENT DRAFT RESOLUTION SO THAT DELAY IN U.S. PAYMENT WOULD NOT PREJUDICE AVAILABILITY FUNDS FOR SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

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SECRETARIAT RELUCTANT TO DO THIS IF THERE ANY POSSIBILITY
GETTING REASONABLY FIRM ASSURANCE U.S. CAN PAY. DECISION MUST
BE MADE IN NEXT FEW DAYS, HOWEVER, AND FAO STAFF HAS REQUESTED
USDEL MAKE FINAL EFFORT CLARIFY SITUATION.

2. USDEL PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS COOPERATE WITH FAO STAFF MEMBERS
MAKING THIS REQUEST. THEY ARE, IN FACT, SAME OFFICIALS RES-
PONSIBLE FOR SMOOTH HANDLING SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS ISSUE IN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT VIEWS ASAP.
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